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# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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This is to advise you that the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee (the "Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners began initial licensure and certification on August 1, 2004. Please be advised that anyone providing alcohol or drug counseling services without a certification or license issued by the Committee is considered to be engaging in unlicensed practice and may be subject to prosecution and penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25(a). Furthermore, please be advised that anyone providing alcohol or drug counseling services in a licensed facility must also be State-certified or State-licensed.

Please note that persons training to be a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) or Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC) also come under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Regulations describing supervision requirements, as well as special provisions applicable to counselors practicing in facilities licensed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services, may be found at N.J.A.C. 13:34C-1 et seq. All treatment agencies and counselors are urged to familiarize themselves with these rules.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:2D-8, licensure or certification is required in order to engage in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling. Individuals may not represent themselves or use the title of "alcoholism counselor," "alcohol counselor," "drug counselor," "alcohol and drug counselor," "alcoholism and drug counselor," "licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor," "certified alcohol and drug counselor," "substance abuse counselor," "chemical dependency counselor," or "chemical dependency supervisor," or any of the abbreviations of the above titles, unless licensed or certified under this Act, and unless the title or designation corresponds to the license or certification held by the person pursuant to the Act.

All counselors affected by this Act who have not yet made application to the Committee should be encouraged to do so immediately. Applications and other information may be obtained from our Web site at the following address:

<http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/familytherapy.htm#alcohol>

A continuing education requirement update is attached for your reference. The notice outlines the general requirements for the renewal of certification and licensure and specifically addresses the continuing education contact hour requirement for the legal standards related to the practice of alcohol and drug counseling in New Jersey.

Thank you for your assistance in advising all counselors of the requirement for licensure and certification and the continuing education requirements for renewal.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments